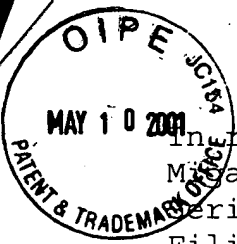


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re of Applicant)
Masayuki TAKAHASHI) Art Group: 1753
Serial No.: 09/268,948)
Filing Date: March 16, 1999)
Title: IRON NITRITE FILM HAVING) Examiner: G. Cantelmo
A NITROGEN MARTENSITE α' PHASE)
WITH α (200) SURFACE)

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for filing of the Response in the above-entitled application for three months from **February 7, 2001** to **May 7, 2001**.

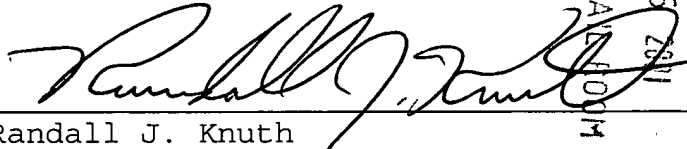
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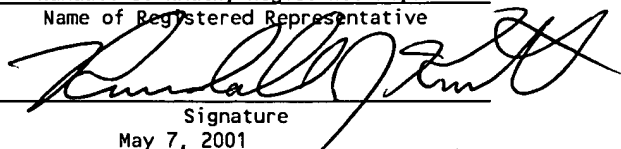
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